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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN USSR RADIONEW RATES FOR WIRED RADIO SPEAKERS -- Moscow, Radio, No 5, May 53

By decree of the Council of Ministers USSR, the 10-ruble subscriber's fee for wired radio speakers connected to wired radio centers of the Ministry of Communications is lowered to 5 rubles a month. Subscribers whose speakers are connected to wired radio centers under other ministries will also be charged the 5-ruble fee.

The subscriber's fee for wired radio speakers on lines built at the expense of kolkhozes but connected to wired radio centers of the Ministry of Communications is lowered to 4 rubles; the fee for speakers connected to a kolkhoz's own wired radio center remains at 4 rubles. The new rates are effective 1 April 1953.

[This notice was also printed in republic and local newspapers.]

SHORTCOMINGS IN USSR BROADCASTING -- Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 5, May 53

Technical breakdowns because of inferior equipment have not been completely eliminated in radio broadcasting. Neither rebroadcasting technique nor the audibility of oblast programs has improved. Radio communication channels are also unsatisfactory on the intrarayon level. The radiotelephone trunk lines still do not operate steadily, and interruptions in trunk line radio communications have not been eliminated. In 1952, the radio communications and radio broadcasting enterprises did not fulfill the plan for capital repair.

WIRED RADIO SPEAKERS IN THE FIFTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN -- Moscow, Radio, No 9, Sep 53

By the end of 1955, the number of wired radio speakers in rural areas of the USSR will be 4.5 times the number in operation in 1950.

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COMBINING COMMUNICATION SERVICES -- Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 5, May 53

According to the records of 130 communications administrations in the USSR, the operation of radio facilities has been combined with other communications facilities in 1,751 enterprises. Wired radio centers and other branches of communications have been unified in 1,515 enterprises, and in 143 communications enterprises the telephone and telegraph services, the radio stations, and the post office have been combined. In 382 rayons the sections of intrarayon line communications, the urban telephone stations, and radio facilities are served by the same workers.

As a result of measures taken in 1952 to locate radio and other communications facilities together, 14,135 square meters of office space were freed and the operating time of 71 wired radio centers and 510 intrarayon telephone stations was increased. The operating time of telegraph offices in 224 enterprises and of postal service in 25 communications enterprises was also increased. At the same time, 1,120 workers were released, and 81 low-power wired radio centers were closed and the wired radio speakers connected to more powerful wired radio centers. It was planned that a saving of 376,000 rubles in wages would be made each month and that 838,000 rubles a year would be saved in operating costs (rent, heating, light, etc.). The best results were obtained in the Latvian SSR and in the Rovno and Leningrad communications administrations.

SARATOVSKAYA OBLAST RADIO FACILITIES -- Moscow, Sovetskiy Svyazist, No 5, May 53

In the cities and villages of Saratovskaya Oblast there are 408 wired radio centers, including 368 in villages; they serve 178,000 wired radio speakers, 56,000 of which are in villages. There are 38,000 radios in the oblast, including 8,000 in kolkhozes. During the last 2 years, 129 new wired radio centers were built and 174 kolkhozes were radiofied; more than 35,000 wired radio speakers and 14,000 radios were installed in workers' apartments.

RADIO IN TATARSKAYA ASSR KOLKHOZES -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 13 May 53

During the first 4 months of 1953, ten new wired radio centers were equipped in kolkhozes of the Tatarskaya ASSR. Now, 72 kolkhoz wired radio centers transmit radio broadcasts daily.

NEW RADIO CENTERS IN NOVOSIBIRSKAYA OBLAST -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 24 Jul 53

Since the beginning of 1953, 15 new wired radio centers and 1,800 wired radio speakers have been installed in kolkhozes of Novosibirskaya Oblast.

INCREASE IN PRIMORSKIY KRAY VILLAGE RADIO CENTERS -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 19 Jul 53

The total number of village wired radio centers in Primorskiy Kray increased by five times during the last 2 years. The workers of the kray now have more than 15,000 radio receivers.

RADIOFICATION IN THE UKRAINIAN SSR -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 30 May 53

More than 8,000 wired radio speakers were installed in Nikolayevskaya Oblast, Ukrainian SSR, during the first 5 months of 1953. By the end of 1953, 16,000 more wired radio speakers will be installed in the oblast.

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Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 15 May 53

Of 81 MTS in Poltavskaya Oblast, Ukrainian SSR, 52 are radiofied.

DOSAUF AMATEURS BUILD SETS IN BELORUSSIAN SSR -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 21 May 53

During 1952, Dosauf amateur radio operators constructed and installed more than 8,000 crystal and vacuum tube sets and built more than 10,000 wired radio speakers in kolkhozes of the Belorussian SSR.

LINK KAZAKH MTS WITH MACHINES IN FIELDS -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 23 Jul 53

More than 300 Urozhay and No 19 radio stations now link MTS and Mechanized Animal Husbandry Stations in the Kazakh SSR with tractor brigades, combines, and hay mowing machines working in the field.

RADIOFICATION OF TURKMEN SSR KOLKHOZES -- Leningrad, Leningradskaya Pravda, 24 Jul 53

Kolkhoz workers in the Turkmen SSR have bought more than 500 radios this year. By the end of the Fifth Five-Year Plan, all the kolkhozes in the Turkmen SSR will be radiofied.

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